

What is claimed is:

1. An image processing method comprising the steps of:

receiving selection of a target image having a desired color-tone from a plurality of reference images each having a different color-tone;

receiving specification of an area in an image displayed; and

changing a color-tone of a desired area including the specified area to the color-tone of the target image.

2. An image processing method as defined in Claim 1, further comprising the step of generating the plurality of reference images in advance based on a predetermined image before receiving the selection of the target image.

3. An image processing apparatus comprising:
storage means for storing a plurality of reference images each having a different color-tone;

display means for displaying an image and the reference images;

selection means for selecting a target image having a desired color-tone from the reference images;

area specification means for specifying an area in the image displayed on the display means; and

conversion means for changing a color-tone of a desired area including the specified area to the color-tone of the target image.

4. An image processing apparatus as defined in Claim 3, further comprising reference image generation means for generating the reference images based on a predetermined image.

5. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program to cause a computer to execute the procedures of: receiving selection of a target image having a desired color-tone from a plurality of reference images each having a different color-tone;

10 receiving specification of an area in an image displayed; and

changing a color-tone of a desired area including the specified area to the color-tone of the target image.

15 6. A computer-readable recoding medium as defined in Claim 1, further comprising the procedure of generating the plurality of reference images in advance based on a predetermined image before receiving the selection of the target image.